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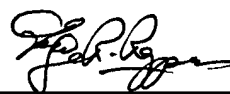
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In an Office Action dated June 23, 2006, claims 1-10, all of the claims of the above-identified U.S. patent application, were subjected to a restriction and election requirement. In response thereto, Applicants elect group II, claims 2-7. Within group II, Applicant's further elect species (i), the bacterial culture identified by AGAL Deposit Accession No. NM 99/07541. Claims 2-7 are readable thereon. Claim 2 is generic to the identified species.

Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

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